

## **Congressman Childers Announces NIH Funding for Ole Miss**

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Washington, DC - The University of Mississippi and its Medical Center in Jackson will receive a total of \$293,584 in NIH funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) announced today.

"These funds will contribute significantly to important research projects to address and treat health problems affecting individuals in Mississippi and throughout our country," said Congressman Childers. "The University of Mississippi and its Medical School are top notch educational facilities and I am extremely proud that this money is being spent in our great state."

The University of Mississippi was awarded \$71,584 for a project on the chemistry and pharmacology of newly emerging psychoactive plants. The project will address the growing number of newly emerging hallucinogens on the streets, as well as the concern of the health of people, especially youth, and will provide further research in this area.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson will receive \$222,000 for research on glial proliferation and death in cases of depression and alcoholism. Turnover of cells in the brain is abnormal in alcoholism and depression, diseases that often occur together. This project seeks to learn why and how to correct this as a possible basis for treatment.

For more information on the First District's and Mississippi's share of Recovery Act funds, visit Congressman Childers' online Recovery Tracker at <http://www.childers.house.gov/> .

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